

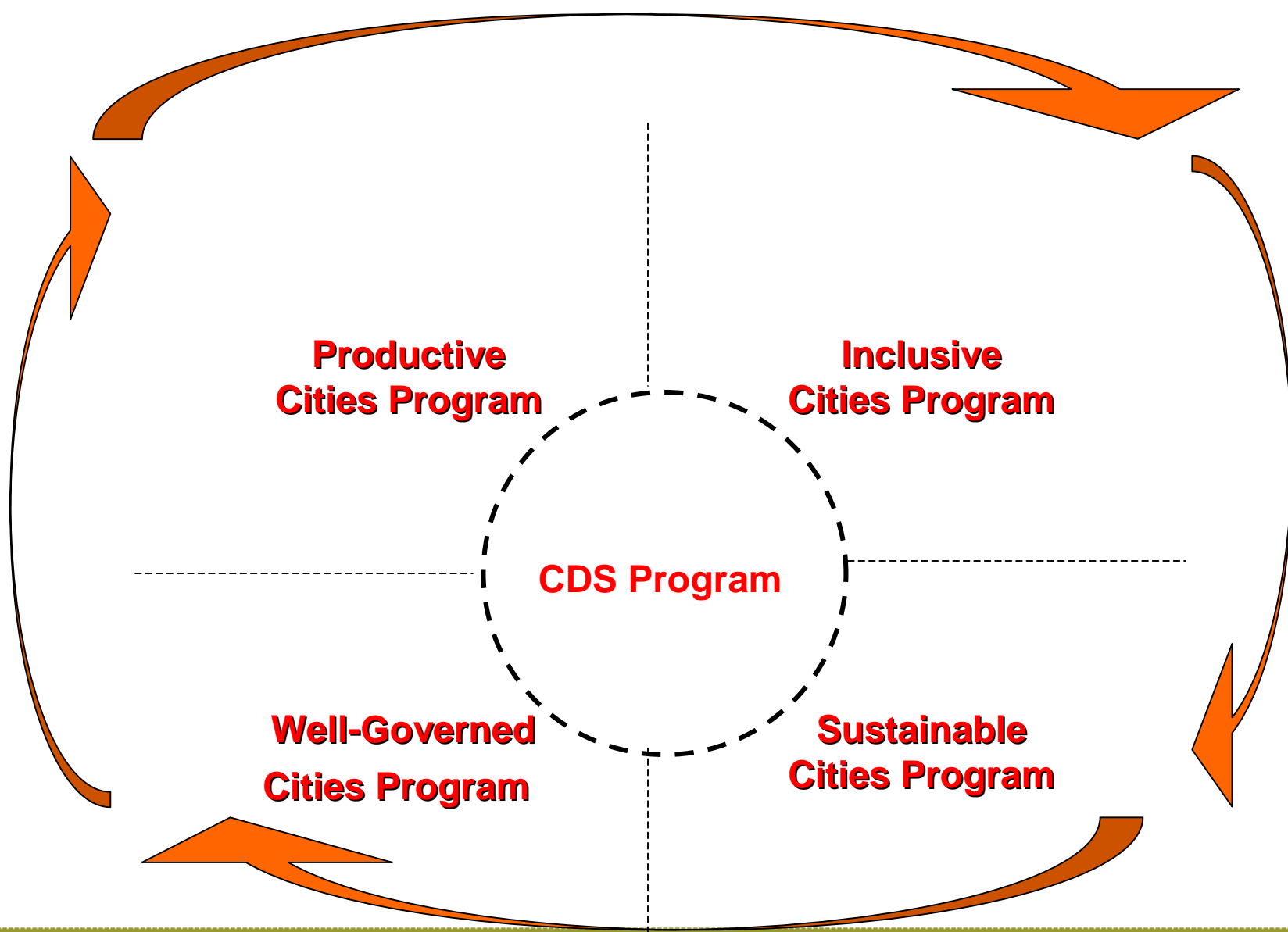


SACN Sustainable Cities Reference Group Programme: 2006/07

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Goals of SA Cities Network & Secretariat KPI

- Promote good governance and management of South African cities
- Analyse strategic challenges facing South African cities, particularly in the context of global economic integration and national development
 1. Strategic Input into CDS
 2. Monitoring, Evaluating and Reviewing City performance
- Collect, collate, analyse, assess, disseminate and apply the experience of large city government in a South African context
 3. Providing Support
- Promote a shared-learning partnership between different spheres of government to support the governance of South African cities



City Development Strategy Questions

Productive City

Can the local economy provide the majority of residents with the means to earn a reasonable living?

Well-Governed City

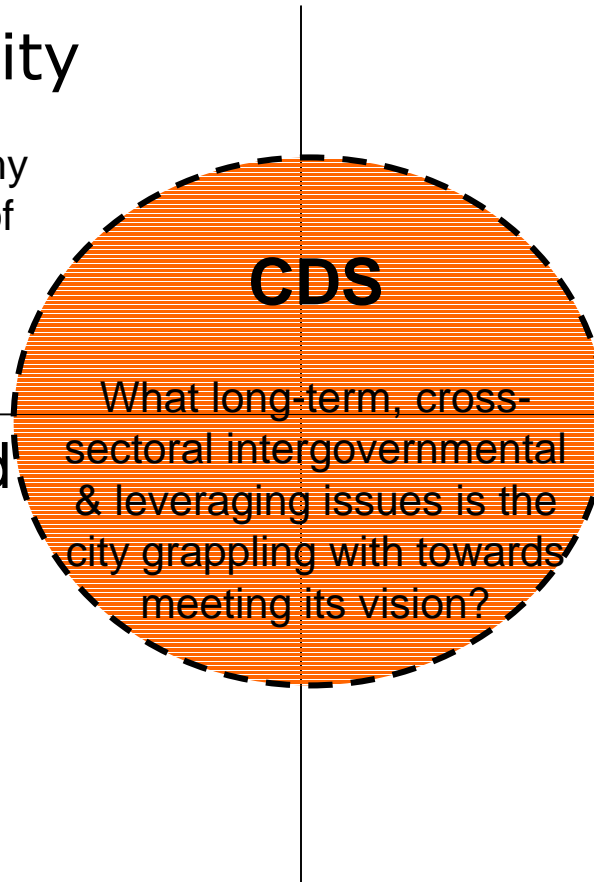
Is the political & institutional context stable, open and dynamic enough to accommodate and monitor all interests?

Inclusive City

Do residents have the opportunities and capacities to share equitably in the social & economic benefits of city life?

Sustainable City

How is the city impacting on the envelope of natural resources that sustains the settlement and make it viable?



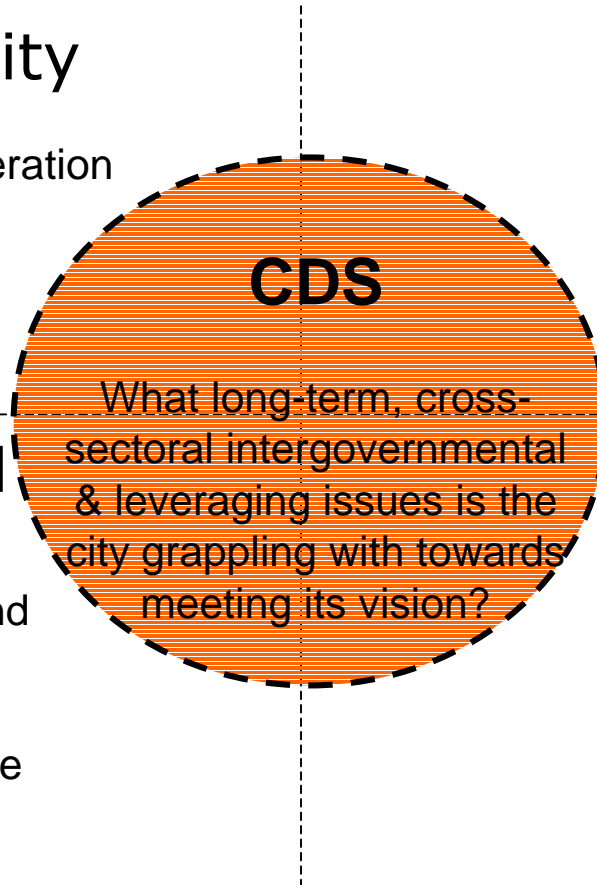
Programmes Objectives

Productive City

Facilitate local co-operation to enhance economic competitiveness and ensure the two economies co-exist

Well-Governed City

Provide information and mechanisms that will facilitate integrated, inclusive, and proactive decision making and monitoring



Inclusive City

Enable cities to address the socio-economic challenges of South Africa's segregated cities

Sustainable City

Ensure that social and economic development responds appropriately to natural and other resources

- Review in June 2006
- New mandate
- Medium term business plan
- Restructuring of reference groups

Restructuring of reference groups

REFERENCE GROUP OBJECTIVES

- Provide strategic inputs to SACN leadership and partners
- Develop common city positions to lobby national government, business etc
- Platform for knowledge exchange, learning, capacity building and research
- Contribute to processes of monitoring and evaluation

Restructuring cont ...

Some key principles

- Reference groups must be limited to few individuals responsible for strategy in their cities and complimented by selected experts and development partners

Participants

- City environmental planning & management units
- City strategy development/IDP units
- DEAT
- Sustainability institute
- Wits University
- University of Cape Town
- ICLEI
- Eco-City
- Danida

Restructuring cont ...

Some key principles cont ...

- Reference group activities must compliment SACN business plan and its priority issues
- Agendas must be highly focused and limited to the selected priority issues
- Duration of meetings must be limited
- All activities must generate knowledge products that must be shared widely
- All activities must inform NUDF

TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF REFERENCE GROUP DISCUSSION ISSUES AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS: 2006/07

	PRODUCTIVE CITIES	INCLUSIVE CITIES	SUSTAINABLE CITIES	WELL GOVERNED CITIES
Agenda for medium term (What)	1.Global city regions and regional co-operation in South Africa 2.Asgisa (economic growth)	1.Baking New Ground 2.EPWP	1.NSSD implementation input 2.Mainstreaming sustainability into IDP and CDS	1.Municipal financial management 2.Urban development Partnerships
Motivation (Why)	See reference groups activities document	See reference group activities document	See reference group activities document	See reference group activities document
Approach (How) Approach differs from one issue to another but generally involves presentation on an identified issue which is used to generate discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Presentation from selected depts. or experts, ▪Facilitate and record discussions (written and audio reports), ▪Use these to influence national and local plans, ▪Disseminate written and audio reports on web 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Presentation from selected depts. or experts, ▪Facilitate and record discussions (written and audio reports), ▪Use these to influence national and local plans, ▪Disseminate written and audio reports on web 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Presentation from selected depts. or experts, ▪Facilitate and record discussions (written and audio reports), ▪Use these to influence national and local plans, ▪Disseminate written and audio reports on web 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Presentation from selected depts. or experts, ▪Facilitate and record discussions (written and audio reports), ▪Use these to influence national and local plans, ▪Disseminate written and audio reports on web
Participants (Who)	See reference group activities document	See reference group activities document	See reference group activities document	See reference group activities document
Knowledge Product	1.City region reports 2.Economic growth position paper 3.Asgisa best practice case studies	1.Implementation framework for BNG, 2.Framework for using EPWP in housing, 3.EPWP best practice report with recommendation for enhancement	1. NSSD implementation framework 2. Framework for sustainability .mainstreaming in cities	1.Best practice study on urban development partnerships and guidelines for accessing the neighbourhood development grant 2.State of municipal finances report

TABLE 3: ADDITIONAL ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR 2007/08

	PRODUCTIVE CITIES	INCLUSIVE CITIES	SUSTAINABLE CITIES	WELL GOVERNED CITIES
Agenda for medium term (What)	1.Urban renewal 2.Development Agencies 3.Procurement	1.HIV and Aids mainstreaming	1.EIA regulations implementation 2.Common UEM research agenda	1.Peer review 2.Labour law compliance

Schedule of reference group meetings

Meetings reduced from 4 to 3 per year

- 22 August 2006 – NSSD
- 06 February 2007 – UEM/NSSD – Joint reference group meeting
- 18 May 2007 – Mainstreaming sustainability in IDP/CDS

Note that other reference groups will also meet separately except for February 2007

Schedule of seminars

DATE	SEMINAR
10 July 2006	Skills development strategies
04 September 2006	Sustainable human settlements
10 November 2006	Guidelines for City Development Strategies
06 February 2007	Urban development and governance implications of World Cup 2010
20 February 2007	Governance and development implications for HIV and Aids
14-15 March 2007	Inclusive cities conference
17 May 2007	Urban environmental management
05 June 2007	Neighbourhood development partnerships
26 June 2007	The State of City Finances